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The following proposed claim amendments are only provided to facilitate a meaningful dialogue during the Examiner's Interview scheduled for March 26, 2010 at 2:00 PM EST. This document and the proposed claim amendments are not intended to be entered into the record.

1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
receiving an indication that a message should be delivered to a plurality of recipients;
identifying contact information for the plurality of recipients;
initiating simultaneous outbound packetized calls to more than one of the plurality of recipients;
determining whether a first recipient of the plurality of recipients answers a first call of the simultaneous outbound packetized calls;
when the first recipient answers the first call, connecting the first call to a multicast server to deliver the message during the first call via the multicast server;
when the first recipient does not answer the first call, retrying the first recipient via one or more subsequent calls, each of the one of more subsequent calls placed after a predetermined time interval has passed; and
when a number of the one or more subsequent calls satisfies a threshold, stopping retrying the first recipient.

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Examiner, please review the proposed amendments below prior to the interview. Please be prepared to indicate in the interview which proposed amendment(s) would overcome the currently cited references:

1. [from para 012] presenting a graphical user interface (GUI) to enable a user to create and modify one or more call lists and their respective triggers and messages;
2. [from para 0014] wherein the message comprises event data identifying a type of an event, location data identifying a location of the event, originator data identifying an originator of the message, and a time period during which the message is valid;
3. [from para 0014] wherein the message includes emergency alert system (EAS) data;
4. [from para 0015] wherein the message includes national oceanic and atmospheric administration (NOAA) weather radio (NWR) specific area message encoding (SAME) data;
5. [from para 0017] wherein the message includes missing child statement data;
6. [from para 0018] wherein the messages are sent to the recipients in a plurality of formats, including an electronic mail format, an instant message format, and a voice telephony format.
7. [from para 0030] when the first recipient does not answer the first call, retrying the first recipient via one or more communication addresses associated with the recipient, including an electronic mail address, a POTS telephone address, and a wireless device address.

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